#### CALIFORNIA TAX CREDIT ALLOCATION COMMITTEE

# Project Staff Report 2020 First Round June 17, 2020

Valley View Terrace, located at 1480 Skelton Street in Selma, requested and is being recommended for a reservation of \$1,543,411 in annual federal tax credits and \$5,144,689 in total state tax credits to finance the new construction of 35 units of housing serving large families with rents affordable to households earning 30-60% of area median income (AMI). The project will be developed by Corporation for Better Housing and will be located in Senate District 14 and Assembly District 31.

The project will be receiving rental assistance in the form of USDA RHS 521 Rental Assistance.

Project Number CA-20-032

Project Name Valley View Terrace Site Address: 1480 Skelton Street

Selma, CA 93662 County: Fresno

Census Tract: 71.000

 Tax Credit Amounts
 Federal/Annual
 State/Total \*

 Requested:
 \$1,543,411
 \$5,144,689

 Recommended:
 \$1,543,411
 \$5,144,689

## **Applicant Information**

Applicant: 1480 Skelton St., L.P, a California limited partnership

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General Partner(s) / Principal Owner(s): Corporation for Better Housing

General Partner Type: Nonprofit

Parent Company(ies): Corporation for Better Housing
Developer: Corporation for Better Housing

Investor/Consultant: Alliant Capital, Ltd.

Management Agent(s): WinnResidential California LP

#### **Project Information**

Construction Type: New Construction

Total # Residential Buildings: 36 Total # of Units: 36

No. & % of Tax Credit Units: 35 100%

Federal Set-Aside Elected: 40%/60%

Federal Subsidy: USDA RHS 515 / USDA RHS 521 Rental Assistance (100% - 35 Units)

Utility Allowance: CUAC

<sup>\*</sup> The applicant made an election not to sell (Certificate) any portion of the state credits.

## Information

Set-Aside: Rural apportionment (Section 514)

Housing Type: Large Family

Geographic Area: N/A

TCAC Project Analyst: Ruben Barcelo

# 55-Year Use / Affordability

Aggregate Targeting Number of Units		Percentage of Affordable Units	
At or Below 30% AMI:	4	10%	
At or Below 45% AMI:	6	15%	
At or Below 50% AMI (Rural):	18	50%	
At or Below 60% AMI:	7	20%	

# **Unit Mix**

4 2-Bedroom Units

4 3-BedroomUnits

28 4-Bedroom Units

36 Total Units

Unit	t Type & Number	2019 Rents Targeted % of Area Median Income	2019 Rents Actual % of Area Median Income	Proposed Rent (including utilities)
2	2 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$730
1	2 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$876
1	3 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$505
1	3 Bedrooms	45%	45%	\$758
2	3 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$842
3	4 Bedrooms	30%	30%	\$564
5	4 Bedrooms	45%	45%	\$846
14	4 Bedrooms	50%	50%	\$940
6	4 Bedrooms	60%	60%	\$1,128
1	2 Bedrooms	Manager's Unit	Manager's Unit	\$0

**Project Cost Summary at Application** 

Land and Acquisition	\$202,500
Construction Costs	\$15,160,217
Rehabilitation Costs	\$0
Construction Contingency	\$913,010
Relocation	\$0
Architectural/Engineering	\$369,700
Const. Interest, Perm. Financing	\$1,116,000
Legal Fees	\$170,000
Reserves	\$196,300
Other Costs	\$1,182,649
Developer Fee	\$1,815,000
Commercial Costs	\$0
Total	\$21,125,376

#### Residential

Construction Cost Per Square Foot:	\$328
Per Unit Cost:	\$586,816
True Cash Per Unit Cost*:	\$567,611

## **Construction Financing**

## **Permanent Financing**

Source	Amount	Source	Amount
Pacific Western Bank	\$14,000,000	Pacific Western Bank	\$128,500
Tax Credit Equity	\$5,662,960	USDA RHS 514	\$3,000,000
		Deferred Developer Fee	\$691,395
		Solar Tax Credit Equity	\$123,540
		Tax Credit Equity	\$17,181,941
		TOTAL	\$21,125,376

<sup>\*</sup>Less Donated Land, Fee Waivers, Seller Carryback Loans, and Deferred Developer Fee

## **Determination of Credit Amount(s)**

Requested Eligible Basis:	\$17,149,008
130% High Cost Adjustment:	No
Applicable Fraction:	100.00%
Qualified Basis:	\$17,149,008
Applicable Rate:	9.00%
Total Maximum Annual Federal Credit:	\$1,543,411
Total State Credit:	\$5,144,689
Approved Developer Fee (in Project Cost & Eligible Basis):	\$1,815,000
Investor/Consultant:	Alliant Capital, Ltd.
Federal Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.87991
State Tax Credit Factor:	\$0.70000

The "as if vacant" land value and the existing improvement value established at application, as well as the eligible basis amount derived from those values, shall not increase during all subsequent reviews including the placed in service review, for the purpose of determining the final award of Tax Credits, unless a waiver has been granted for a purchase price not to exceed the sum of third party debt that will be assumed or paid off. The sum of the third party debt encumbering the property may increase during subsequent reviews to reflect the actual amount.

## **Eligible Basis and Basis Limit**

Requested Unadjusted Eligible Basis:	\$17,149,008
Actual Eligible Basis:	\$17,149,008
Unadjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$15,734,604
Total Adjusted Threshold Basis Limit:	\$17,149,008

## **Adjustments to Basis Limit**

Project has onsite renewable generation estimated to produce 50% or more of annual tenant electricity use as indicated in TCAC Regulations.

Local Development Impact Fees.

#### **Tie-Breaker Information**

First: Large Family Final: 26.578%

#### **Cost Analysis and Line Item Review**

Staff analysis of project costs to determine reasonableness found all fees to be within TCAC's underwriting guidelines and TCAC limitations. Annual operating expenses meet or exceed the minimum operating expenses established in the Regulations, and the project pro forma shows a positive cash flow from year one. Staff has calculated federal tax credits based on 9.0% of the qualified basis, or, in the case of acquisition credit or credit combined with federal subsidies, 3.24%. Applicants are cautioned to consider the expected federal rate when negotiating with investors. TCAC's financial evaluation at project completion will determine the final allocation.

#### **Significant Information / Additional Conditions**

Development cost is approximately \$586,816 per unit. This cost is primarily attributed to the project's 36 residential units consisting of single-family homes spread across a 9-acre site. This configuration requires many development costs to be duplicated for each unit including, site grading, foundations and pads, plumbing and electrical, and unusually long utility connections. The project being designed to LEED Platinum specifications also contributed to the higher construction costs.

The applicant has requested the use of a CUAC utility allowance. TCAC staff is in the process of reviewing the CUAC documentation for this existing project. Until written approval is received from TCAC, this project is not eligible to use a utility allowance based on the CUAC.

## Resyndication and Resyndication Transfer Event: None.

#### **Legal Status**

Staff has reviewed the Applicant's responses to the questions contained in the Legal Status portion of the Application. No information was disclosed that raised any question regarding the financial viability or legal integrity of the applicant.

#### **Local Reviewing Agency**

The Local Reviewing Agency, City of Selma, has completed a site review of this project and strongly supports this project.

## **Standard Conditions**

The applicant must submit all documentation required for a Carryover Allocation and any Readiness to Proceed Requirements elected. Failure to provide the documentation at the time required may result in rescission of the Credit reservation and cancellation of a carryover allocation.

State tax credit recipients are limited to cash distributions from project operations pursuant to California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 12206(d). By accepting the tax credit reservation, the applicant/owner is agreeing to comply with the statutory limitations and requirements.

TCAC makes the preliminary reservation only for the project specified above in the form presented, and involving the parties referred to in the application. No changes in the development team or the project as presented will be permitted without the express approval of TCAC.

The applicant must pay TCAC a performance deposit and allocation fee calculated in accordance with regulation. Additionally, TCAC requires the project owner to pay a monitoring fee before issuance of tax forms.

As project costs are preliminary estimates only, staff recommends that a reservation be made in the amount of federal credit and state credit shown above on condition that the final project costs be supported by itemized lender approved costs and certified costs after the buildings are placed in service.

All unexpended funds in reserve accounts established for the project must remain with the project to be used for the benefit of the property and/or its residents, except for the portion of any accounts funded with deferred developer fees.

All fees charged to the project must be within TCAC limitations. Fees in excess of these limitations will not be considered when determining the amount of credit when the project is placed-in-service.

The applicant/owner shall be subject to underwriting criteria set forth in Section 10327 of the regulations through the final feasibility analysis performed by TCAC at placed-in-service.

Credit awards are contingent upon applicant's acceptance of any revised total project cost, qualified basis and tax credit amount determined by TCAC in its final feasibility analysis.

The applicant must ensure the project meets all Additional Threshold Requirements of the proposed project. If points were awarded for service amenities, the applicant will be required to provide such amenity or amenities identified in the application, for a minimum period of fifteen years and at no cost to the tenants. Applicants that received points for sustainable building methods (energy efficiency) must submit the certification required by Section 10325(c)(5) at project completion. Applicants that received increases (exceptions to limits) in the threshold basis limit under Section 10327(c)(5) must submit the certification required by Section 10322(i)(2) at project completion.

Points System	Max. Possible Points	Requested Points	Points Awarded
Owner / Management Characteristics	9	9	Awarueu 9
General Partner Experience			
	6	6	6
Management Experience	3	3	3
Housing Needs	10	10	10
Site Amenities	15	15	15
Within 1/3 mile of transit (van or dial-a-ride service for rural set-aside)	4	4	4
Within 1 mile of public park or community center open to general public	3	3	3
Within 1 mile of public library	3	3	3
Within 2 miles of a full-scale grocery/supermarket of at least 25,000 sf	4	4	4
Within 3/4 mile of a public elementary school	3	3	3
Within 1.5 miles of medical clinic or hospital	2	2	2
Within ½ mile of a pharmacy	2	2	2
Service Amenities	10	10	10
LARGE FAMILY, SENIOR, AT-RISK HOUSING TYPES			
Adult ed/health & wellness/skill bldg classes, min. 84 hrs/yr instruction	7	7	7
Health & wellness services and programs, minimum 60 hrs per 100 bdrms	3	3	3
Sustainable Building Methods	5	5	5
NEW CONSTRUCTION/ADAPTIVE REUSE			
Develop project in accordance w/ requirements: LEED	5	5	5
Lowest Income	52	52	52
Basic Targeting	50	50	50
Deeper Targeting – at least 10% of Low Income Units @ 30% AMI or less	2	2	2
Readiness to Proceed	10	10	10
Miscellaneous Federal and State Policies	2	2	2
State Credit Substitution	2	2	2
Total Points	113	113	113

<u>Please Note:</u> If more than the maximum Site Amenity points were requested, not all amenities may have been scored and/or verified.

DO NOT RELY ON SCORING IN THIS COMPETITIVE CYCLE FOR FUTURE APPLICATIONS. ALL REAPPLICATIONS ARE REVIEWED WITHOUT RELIANCE ON PAST SCORING.